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Hitting the Road Together Builds Community

RABBI ETHAN WITKOVSKY

Few experiences bring people together like taking a trip together. Jewish communities have known this for many years and have made Israel missions a

cornerstone of communal life. At Park Avenue Synagogue, we have been sending groups to Israel for years. We continue to expand our travel education program with trips to Israel

targeted to different demographics, a trip to Cuba, a trip to Poland, and travel within the United States. Every trip allows travelers to learn in a variety of unique ways and to bond as a group.

The English word “travel” comes from the same Latin root as “travail,” meaning toil or labor. (Actually, it comes from the Latin *trepalium*, which means something like “torture.”) One of the ways that group travel bonds us is by our overcoming adversity as a group. When we have

to navigate a raft on the Jordan River through swarms of Israeli high school students, or when we are cleaning an abandoned lot in the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans, we bond through our common toil. Encountering a journey’s peaks and valleys brings everyone on the trip together in a tighter community.

The Hebrew word for journey – *נסע*, *nasa* – comes from an ancient word meaning “to remove,” which points to another benefit of group travel experiences: We remove ourselves from the ordinary. Traveling takes travelers out of their homes, their comfort zones, and perhaps their normal social networks. Being removed from regular routine helps us to find new perspectives on the world around us, like the problems plaguing the US justice system as seen through the eyes of a New Orleans public defender. Stepping out of the regular helps us to see our friends in a different light, like Rabbi Cosgrove in zipper shorts or Rabbi Zuckerman in his PJs. The trips that we take from the synagogue remove us from

home in order to bring us together. When I took PAS teens to New Orleans last year, there were small clusters of friends at the start. After moments made sweeter by sharing them together and after learning from one another as well as from the world around us, by the end, we were all one group.

Last year there were teen trips to the American South: New Orleans, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Atlanta. This year we are planning trips to Philadelphia, Charleston, and a foreign country to be revealed soon! Generous congregants have endowed a travel fund to help subsidize PAS teen travel programs. Their generosity will make it possible for more teens at PAS to bond with one another over (minor) adversity and to remove themselves from the ordinary so that we can create a vibrant community together.



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Events

Sponsored by the Congregational School Parents Association

PAS Hanukkah Book & Gift Fair

Wednesday | November 4

2:00–9:00 pm | Shop!

7:00–9:00 pm | Cocktail party for parents of teens to tots

Thursday | November 5

9:00 am–7:00 pm | Open all day – shop!

9:15 am | Breakfast with ECC Director Pamela B. Schwartz

Jump start all of your Hanukkah shopping right here at PAS! Choose from hundreds of books for readers of all ages, from recent bestsellers to classics of Jewish literature to your favorite cookbooks. But this fair is not just books! Vendors offer the latest toys, jewelry, clothing, stationery, accessories, home accents and personalized gifts. Check pasyn.org for the complete list.



Marking 77 years since Kristallnacht

An American in Paris

Sunday | November 8 | 3:00 pm

After the performance of the Tony-winning musical featuring the music of George and Ira Gershwin, Cantor Shira

Lissek and members of the cast and production team will commemorate the anniversary of Kristallnacht in a panel discussion about the plight of the Jews in Paris during WWII and how their stories are reflected in the characters and plot of the musical.

Tickets are sold out. Contact 212-369-2600, x159 to be added to the waitlist.

An American in Paris

Travel to Israel with PAS!

Our Promised Land: An Educational and Spiritual Journey

Inspired by Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land – The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*

February 6–14, 2016

Join Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and co-chairs Nan & Howard Rubin on a once-in-a-lifetime trip designed for adult learners to engage with what it means to be a Zionist today. For the itinerary and registration information, visit pasyn.org and click on the banner on the homepage.



Sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee

Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day 2015

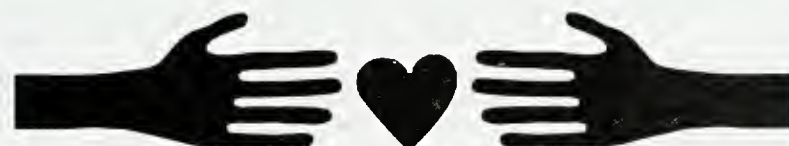
Making a Difference!

Sunday | November 22 | 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Join the PAS community and help those in need. There will be opportunities for everyone to learn about mitzvot and to do hands-on projects.

- Activities for young children (0–6 years)
- Preparing packages and gifts for seniors and homeless in NYC and for families and children around the world
- Community tzedakah box
- Preparing for the Thanksgiving distribution with the PAS Food Pantry
- Sorting books for Reading Reflections (see p. 8)
- Blood drive
- Behind-the-scenes tour of PAS
- Mitzvah Day Café
- Haircuts for the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign to provide wigs for women with cancer. *Stylists will be on hand to cut ponytails and create new short dos. Donated hair must be a minimum of eight inches long and have no more than a few strands of gray. Hair may be colored with vegetable dyes, rinses or semi-permanent dyes, but cannot have been bleached, permanently colored, or chemically treated. Wigs made from donated hair are distributed across the country by the American Cancer Society's wig banks.*

To get involved, please contact Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs, Nancy Korff at nancykorff@outlook.com or Susan Winthrop at snewmark@hotmail.com.



Daily minyanim Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am. **Ma'ariv** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm. Shabbat mincha 20 minutes after the end of morning services. Mincha on Thanksgiving Day at 12:00 pm. For the schedule of Congregational School Shabbat Experiences, see p. 11.



Friday, November 6 • 24 Heshvan

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 7 • 25 Heshvan

Hayyei Sarah

9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Levine

9:30 am | Havurah

The Havurah is a lay-led, child-friendly service for individuals and families of all ages who want an intimate and informal prayer experience. We invite people of all skill levels to participate by leading part of the service, reading Torah or Haftarah or by facilitating a Torah discussion.
20 minutes after services | Mincha
5:00 pm | YFE Havdalah (see p. 10)

Thursday, November 12 • 30 Heshvan

Rosh Hodesh

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

Friday, November 13 • 1 Kislev

Rosh Hodesh

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 14 • 2 Kislev

Parashat Tol'dot

9:15 am | Sanctuary service
11:15 am | Tot Tefillah (see p. 10)
20 minutes after services | Mincha

Friday, November 20 • 8 Kislev

5:00 pm | YFE Kabbalat Shabbat (see p. 10)
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 21 • 9 Kislev

Parashat Va-yetzei

TGIS: Thank God It's Shabbat!

9:00–9:50 am | Activities for all ages, including Parashah study with Rabbi Cosgrove, Traditional Shaharit, PAS Youth Choir, Window on Israel, Tot TGIS, *Dabeir Ivrit*, Chess Club, and Torah Spiel. (See pasyn.org for a full list of activities.)

10:00 am–12:15 pm | Community Shabbat Worship
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Cohen
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Shuchman
20 minutes after services | Mincha

Thursday, November 26 • 14 Kislev

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am | Morning minyan
12:00 pm | Mincha
No service at 5:45 pm

Friday, November 27 • 15 Kislev

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 28 • 16 Kislev

Parashat Va-yishlah

9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Becker
20 minutes after services | Mincha

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ; the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Alex Guerrero, and Tim Krol; and the Synagogue Band: Gil Smuskowitz, bass; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mark Fraier is our Ritual Director.

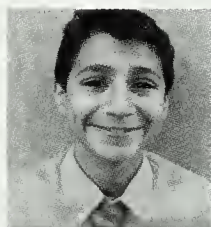
Can't make it to the synagogue? Park Avenue Synagogue sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit pasyn.org/webcast.

Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH



Hailey Levine
November 7 | *Hayyei Sarah*
Daughter of Ilissa & Brian Levine



Ethan Cohen
November 21 | *Va-yetzei*
Son of Ilona & Michael Cohen



Aaron Shuchman
November 21 | *Va-yetzei*
Son of Lori Lesser & Daniel Shuchman



Olivia Becker
November 28 | *Va-yishlah*
Daughter of Caryn Seidman Becker & Marc Becker



Elias Jeselson
November 28, minha | *Va-yeishev*
Son of Jillian & Stephen Jeselson

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Nadine Habousha Cohen & Edward Cohen on the engagement of their son Daniel to Tori Cheifetz, and to the young couple

Aliza & Michael Cinamon on the birth of a daughter, Arielle Tova Cinamon

Sarah & Scott Meyer on the birth of a daughter, Laine Ruth Meyer, and to grandmother Jean Miller

Ning Lu & Douglas Eisert on the birth of a son, Jack Eisert

Laila Levitas, on the birth of a granddaughter, Aaliyah Reign Levitas, and to the parents, Katherine & Andrew Levitas

Marty & Joan Levenson on the birth of a grandson, Aaron Bryce Levenson, and to his parents, Heather & Roger, and his big brothers, Ryan and Noah

Stefanie Spodek Fleischer & John Fleischer on the birth of a son, Dylan David Fleischer

Andrea & Ivan Lustig and Saree Ptak on the marriage of their children, Nicole Elizabeth Lustig and Merin Pasternak, and to the young couple.

Heidi Silverstone on being honored by Camp Ramah Berkshires at their Annual Fund Dinner on December 6. *For information about the dinner journal and to RSVP, please visit www.ramahberkshires.org/Dinner.*



PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
**Tikkun
Olam**

Want to make a difference in the world? Join Tikkun Olam projects!

The Tikkun Olam committee is looking for passionate members to volunteer and organize hands-on projects that assist people in our community and throughout the world. For more information, email Elissa Drassinower and Limar Geller at tikkunolam@pasyn.org.

Synagogue Family

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bernadette & Andrew Banhidi
Julie Yufe & Michael Dreyer
Alissa Emerson
Logan & Jeffrey Fedder
Sarabeth Grossman
Tessa Deutsch & Paul Klepetko
Alina & Gary Kotovets
Norma Rubinstein
Stephanie Hamada & Stephen Smith
Frida & Marc Weiss

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Leon Heller on the loss of his wife, Susan Heller

Cara & Donald Malter on the loss of his father,
Donald J. Malter

Edith Moses and Hilary & Jeffrey Moses on the loss of
their husband and father, Saul Moses

Sally Rocker & Christopher Paci on the loss of her mother,
Elaine Horwitz Rocker

Lori & Mark Fife on the loss of his father, Joseph Fife

Caring Network

Supporting congregants and their families during times of transition, the Caring Network offers solace during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief, and also reaches out to families during times of joy. If you or someone you know needs assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman at nzuckerman@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x124.

A service of The Jewish Board

Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | By appointment | Shira Felberbaum, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Shira Felberbaum at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org or 212-632-4735 or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.

A service of DOROT

Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and Their Caregivers

By appointment | Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Yael Kornfeld at ykornfeld@dorotusa.org or 212-769-2850, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.



Weekly Classes

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Fall Program Catalog or on www.pasyn.org.

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to pasyn.org and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Sora Hossin at 212-369-2600, x159.

MONDAY

Siddur Hebrew 2

Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:30 pm | Marga Hirsch

Shulhan Ivrit

Nov 16 | 7:00 pm | Varda Hubara

TUESDAY

Essential Essays

Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 | approx. 8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought

Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Adult Bat Mitzvah

Nov 3, 10, 17 | 6:30 pm | Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

The Edmond de Rothschild Library
pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary
Director: Marga Hirsch

Library Hours | Monday, 12:00–6:00 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00–6:30 pm, Friday by appointment | Marga is in at other times as well; you are always welcome.

Browse the library's online catalog, and stop by to check out books, DVDs, and CDs. The collection is organized in the Elazar system, designed especially for Jewish libraries. The labels look like Dewey Decimal numbers, but the books are organized according to Jewish categories.

The library is closed during classes:

Mondays, 6:30–9:00 pm;

Wednesday, Nov 11, 6:30–9:00 pm;

Thursdays, Nov 5 and 19, 9:15–10:30 am.

WEDNESDAY



Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

Nov 4, 11, 18 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi David Kalb

Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai

Nov 4, 11, 18 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1

Nov 4, 11, 18 | 6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

Jewish Choices for Jewish Children

Nov 11 | 7:00 pm | Debbie Cosgrove

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism

Nov 4, 11, 18 | 7:00 pm | Sutton Place Synagogue | Rabbi Benjamin Resnick

THURSDAY

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2

Nov 5, 12, 19 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Nov 5, 12, 19 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

Nov 5, 12, 19 | 9:15 am | Rabbi David Kalb

Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Jewish Values for Parents to Share with Their Children

Nov 5, 19 | 9:20 am | Debbie Cosgrove

Library Lunch & Learn 12:00 pm

Nov 5 | Rachel Brook

Nov 12 | Insights from Israel with Rabbi Michael Graetz (by Skype from Israel)

Nov 19 | Marga Hirsch

Nov 26 | Thanksgiving, no session

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism

7:00 pm | Nov 5, at PAS; Nov 12, 19, at Ansche Chesed; Nov 26, no class | Rabbi William Plevan

FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study

Nov 6, 13, 20 | approx. 8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

SATURDAY/SHABBAT

Parashat HaShavua | 8:45 am

This Month at PAS



PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

Tikkun Olam

As you prepare for Hanukkah and outfit your family for winter, please donate books and coats that you no longer need. There will be collection bins in the lobby.

Reading Reflections Book Drive

Monday, Nov 2 – Friday, Nov 20

Collecting new or gently used books appropriate for children from toddlers to 8th grade. We will sort and pack the books on Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 22.

Baby Buggy Children's Coat Drive

Monday, Nov 9 – Friday, Nov 13

Collecting coats for infants up to size 14 that are gently used, stain-free, and have been cycled through a heated dryer.

New York Cares Coat Drive

Monday, Nov 30 – Friday, Dec 4

Collecting gently-used, clean adult coats that have been cycled through a heated dryer.

Midtown Lunch & Learn

Who Wrote the Bible?

Wednesdays | Nov 4, 11, 18 | 12:30 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Open Only to Members of Men's Club

Torah on Tap

Thursday | Nov 5 | 7:30 pm | Location TBA

Talking to the Wall: An Evening with Anat Hoffman

Monday | Nov 9 | 7:30 pm



Hear the story of Women of the Wall from founding member and current Board Chair Anat Hoffman. Following

her talk she will dialogue with Rabbi Cosgrove and take questions. *Open to all, no charge.*

ANAT HOFFMAN is the executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), the legal and advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. Previously, she held a seat on the Jerusalem City Council, where for fourteen years she stood in opposition to the policies of the city's rightwing and ultra-Orthodox administration.

PAS Conversation Master Class

Breakthrough: Jewish Books that Changed the Consciousness of America

Tuesday | Nov 10 | 7:00 pm | Dr. Wendy Zierler

Mechon Hadar Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday | Nov 15 | 9:45 am–3:30 pm | Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, 100th St. & Columbus Ave.

Learn with Rabbi Witkovsky and others as we join with over 400 communities in 48 countries and six continents for a day of Torah study. Visit www.mechonhadar.org/globalday to see the schedule. No cost, but please register in advance.

Sponsored by the Women's Network and the Rothschild Library

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | Nov 16 | 11:00 am
Farewell, Aleppo: My Father, My People, and Their Long Journey Home by Claudette Sutton

Open Only to Members of Men's Club

Men's Club Opening Reception

Tuesday | Nov 17 | 7:00 pm

To RSVP or to join Men's Club please visit pasyn.org.

Women's Network Cabaret Night

Thursday | Nov 19 | 6:45 pm

Women in the Bible

Friday | Nov 20 | 9:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove

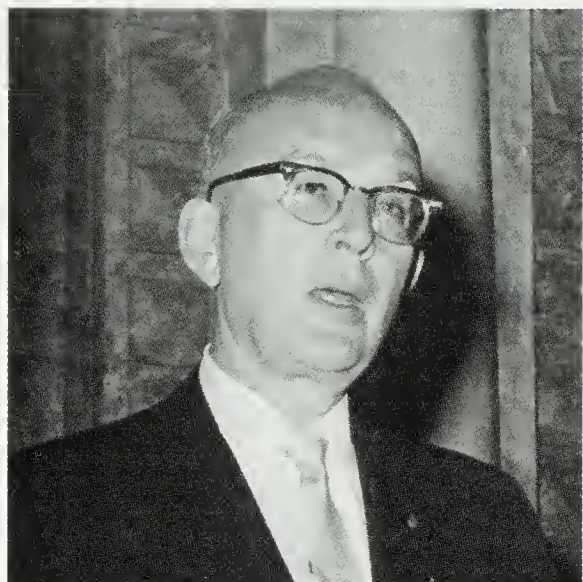
Torah Spiel

Shabbat/Saturday | Nov 21 | 9:00–9:50 am | TGIS activity time

Our community-wide Torah/holiday spiel troupe will bring midrash to life through poetry, play, dance and song. Take the opportunity to use your dramatic, lyric, dance, improv and musical skills entirely among friends. There will be one additional fall rehearsal, with the goal of performing at a Shabbat or holiday service. For more information, contact Cantor Lissek at slissek@pasyn.org or x126 or Barbara Weinstein at bweinstein28@gmail.com.



Gallery

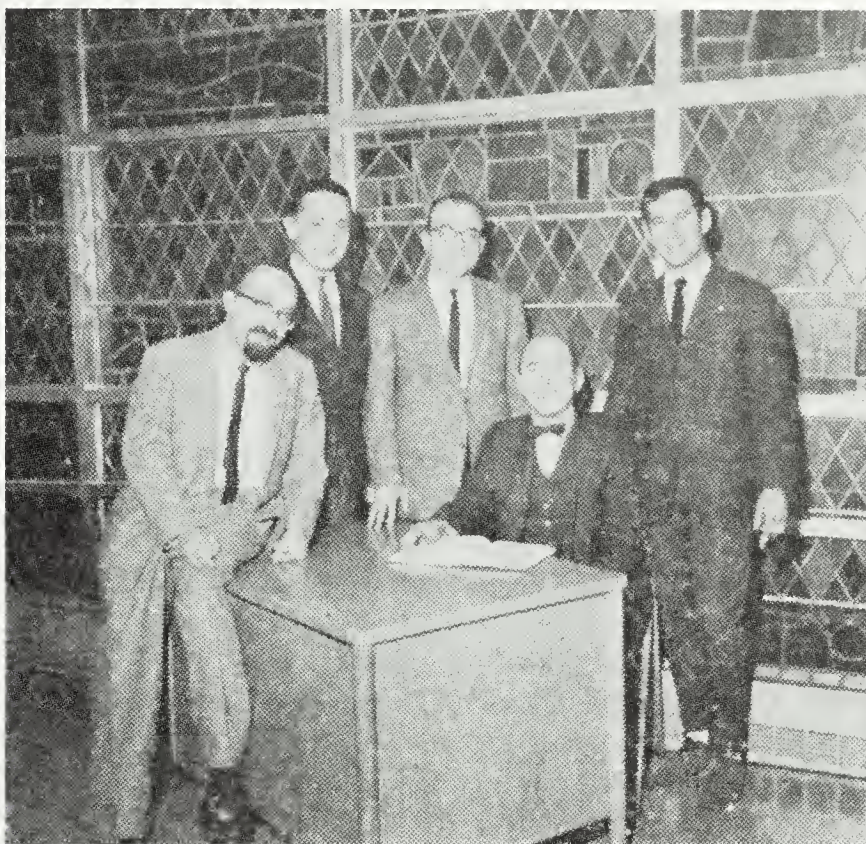


The Sound of Justice at Park Avenue Synagogue Through January

Experience the words of Rabbi Judah Nadich and prominent guest speakers who addressed Park Avenue Synagogue with messages of commitment to social justice. This exhibition highlights excerpts from the Rita and George M. Shapiro Audio Archive with illustrations from the PAS Archive, JTS, and other sources. These speeches, documents, and photographs demonstrate how our Jewish community responded to the civil rights movement and to the momentous events it set in motion, up to the present. As we prepare for the quintessential American holiday of Thanksgiving, let the words and deeds of the leaders who have inspired us in the past reinvigorate our dedication to make the world a better place for ourselves, our community, and our country.

FROM THE RITA AND GEORGE M. SHAPIRO AUDIO ARCHIVE

Chaim Potok



L to R: Rabbis Chaim Potok, Isidoro Aizenberg, Lawrence Geiger, Joseph S. Wernik, and Joseph Schiff in front of the Adolph Gottlieb stained glass window wall in February, 1965.

Adult Education has been a significant component of Park Avenue Synagogue life for decades. Fifty years ago, a highlight of this programming was a year-long lecture series by the noted scholar and author, Rabbi Chaim Potok.

Rabbi Potok delivered several individual lectures on various topics, including Abraham Geiger and Camus and Heschel as part of the series "The Challenge of 19th and 20th Century Jewish Thought." During the 1965-66 program year, Rabbi Potok delivered seventeen lectures on "The Golden Age of Rabbinic Judaism." Each lecture has been digitized so you may listen to them through the PAS audio archive web app at www.pasyn.org/resources/archives/shapiro-audio-archive.

Remembered primarily for his fictional accounts of the conflicts of living an Orthodox Jewish life in a secular society (*The Chosen*, *The Promise*, and *My Name is Asher Lev* were his early novels), Potok was a rabbi and scholar ordained by JTS in 1954. He received his PhD in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965. At the time of his lecture series at PAS, he was the managing editor of *Conservative Judaism* and a faculty member of the Teachers Institute of JTS.

We hope you enjoy this important piece of PAS history. Please email your comments or questions: shapiroarchive@pasyn.org.

Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please look in the Fall Program Catalog or on pasyn.org.

Young Family Education

For latest information and to be informed of new events, sign up to receive Young Family Education email. Visit pasyn.org and click on Email Sign-up.

To RSVP for any YFE program, go to pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events on the right side, click on the event name to access information and registration forms. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before the dinner.

For more information, contact Malka Lowenstein, Director of YFE, at mloenstein@pasyn.org or x140.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

A Taste of Torah: Jewish Activities for Pre-K

Thursdays | Nov 5, 19 | 4:00 pm

Avoda Arts: Creating Shabbat

Friday | Nov 6 | 12:00–1:00 pm | For children ages 3–6 with a parent or grandparent

With the arts as a gateway, expand the dimensions of your Jewish experience and discover new ways to celebrate Shabbat at home. Next session: Friday, December 11, 12:00–1:00 pm.

Havdalah for Families with Young Children

Saturday | Nov 7 | 5:00 pm

Tot Tefillah: YFE Shabbat Service

Saturday | Nov 14 | 11:15 am–12:00 pm

Saturday | Nov 21 | 9:00–9:55 am | Tot TGIS

Shirat Shabbat

Friday | Nov 20 | 9:10–9:35 am | For parents and toddlers ages 3 and under

Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children

Friday | Nov 20 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30–6:30 pm

Children with November birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift.

Cost: \$40/members; \$45/general; \$20/children

PASECC



FROM PAMELA B. SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR

Over this summer, I worked with Rabbi Charlie Savenor and the other members of the PAS educational team to develop a new Jewish Life curriculum for the ECC. Our goal is to help our children develop their Jewish identities

through learning core Jewish values such as *hesed* (kindness), *tzedakah* (righteous giving), *tikkun olam* (social justice) and *haknhasat orhim* (hospitality).

At Thanksgiving this month, children will be welcoming guests into their homes or will themselves be guests in other people's homes. In the ECC, they will learn the story of Abraham and Sarah, whose tent was open on all sides so that they could easily welcome guests. As they learn about these key Torah personalities, the children will not only learn about the mitzvah of hospitality, but also connect to our Jewish history in a meaningful way.



Sponsored by the Rothschild Library Kids' Shabbat Book Basket

On Shabbat, look for the book basket near the ushers in the Sanctuary. There are Jewish books for children of all ages to look at while sitting quietly in their seats. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next week.

Congregational School

For up-to-date information about the school's schedule, please rely on the school's mailings and weekly school newsletter.

Congregational School Schedule

Wednesday | Nov 4

2:00–9:00 pm | Hanukkah Book & Gift Fair

7:00–9:00 pm | Book Fair Cocktail party for parents of teens to tots

Saturday | Nov 7 | Shabbat Experience Programs

10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6)

Learners | PAS

Monday–Thursday | Nov 9–12 | Open House

5:00–5:30 pm | Gan (Kindergarten)

5:30–6:00 pm | Alef and Bet (Grades 1 & 2)

Saturday | Nov 14 | Shabbat Experience Programs

10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav Learners (Grades 3–6) | PAS

11:00 am–12:00 pm | Gan, Alef and Bet (K–2) Family

Shabbat Experience | Liederkrantz*

4:00 pm | Vav (Grade 6) Book Club with Rabbi Cosgrove

Thursday | Nov 19

5:45 pm | Vav (Grade 6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

Saturday | Nov 21

TGIS Shabbat Experience Programs

10:00 am | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (Grades 3–6) |

Families join the community in the sanctuary

11:00 am | Families together at Liederkrantz for program

Wed–Sat | Nov 25–28 | Thanksgiving Weekend

No CS classes or Shabbat Experience Programs

*6 East 87th Street between Modison & Fifth Avenues.



PAS Youth Choir

REHEARSALS

Shabbat/Sat | Nov 7, 14 | 9:30–9:55 am |

Shabbat/Sat | Nov 21 | TGIS | 9:15–9:55 am

PERFORMANCE

Shabbat/Saturday | Nov 21 | TGIS | 10:00 am

Open to children age 6 and up, the Youth Choir learns music and performs with our cantors at Shabbat and holiday services. For more information, please contact Cantor Shira Lissek at slissek@pasyn.org.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP

From Camper to Counselor

Max Silverstone, 18, spent last summer as a counselor at Ramah Berkshires. A first-year student at Brandeis University, Max first went to camp as a 9-year-old and returned for eight summers. As a rising high school senior, he went on Ramah Israel Seminar and the optional Poland trip.

What is a typical day at camp like?

Wake up, *shaharit* (morning prayers), breakfast, cleaning the bunk. Then electives, like woodworking, boating, cooking, or radio. Then sports, like tennis, basketball, softball, or ultimate frisbee. Next, a rotation among Hebrew, singing, and dance. Then instructional swim, and then lunch. After lunch, rest time, when you hang out in the bunk and take a nap, read, or write letters. Then either a bunk activity or a visit to the canteen. Then free swim; then Jewish-learning class. Then dinner, and then an activity with our whole age group. Before bedtime we would have a story from the counselors.

What's fun about being a counselor? We get to run programs and be creative. I helped create a human foosball game by running ropes along the tennis courts. That was a lot of fun. It's very rewarding when you plan something and the campers love it. It's also fun to connect with the campers. This summer I was with campers going into 5th grade, the second-youngest group.

Why do this? When I went to camp as a camper, I just loved it. When my last summer as a camper ended, I knew I would want to keep camp in my life. Almost everybody at Berkshires comes back to work there or at Ramah Nyack (a day camp). My co-counselor was one of my best friends and bunkmates and was also on my bus in Israel last summer. Jewish life at camp is something I didn't take seriously when I was younger but I did when I was older. I wanted to keep doing that.

What else would you like people to know about camp? Ramah is like a big family. You feel a strong sense of community. At college, I meet people from other Ramah camps, and we have this connection.

The PAS Jewish Camping Committee stands ready to answer questions about Jewish camps and summer programs for your children and teens. Please contact co-choirs Chona Zimmermon and Vonessa Woye or Director of the Congregation School, Jennifer Stern Granowitz.

Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please look in the Fall Program Catalog or on pasyn.org.

PAS Youth

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, see the teen weekly email or contact Hallie Chandler, hchandler@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x147.

Let's Learn

Mini-course

Bible Stories You Didn't Learn in Congregational School with Rabbi Savenor
Tuesdays | Nov 3, 10 | 6:00 pm

Mini-course

Change Minds, Change the World with Rabbi Witkovsky
Wednesdays | Nov 4, 11, 18 | 6:00 pm

For 8th graders

Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl Thing & Shevet Achim, Brotherhood
Monday | Nov 9 | 6:00 pm

These experiential education groups for 8th graders cultivate Jewish identity with fun communal experiences. The groups provide a safe space to be with one another while addressing topics such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship, competition, power, and pleasure. Monthly sessions will be led by Hallie Chandler and Daniel Sternberg. *For more information, see pasyn.org.*

Reflections of an Auschwitz Guide

Saturday | Nov 14 | 1:00–2:30 pm

Come for Shabbat lunch and an unforgettable conversation with Dr. Anna Sommer Schneider of Georgetown University. She will tell us about growing up in the town of O'swiecim (Auschwitz) and how she eventually became not only an educator in the museum there, but a member of the Jewish people.

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | Nov 21 | 4:00–5:00 pm

Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

Let's Lead

Teen A Capella

Saturday | Nov 14 | 4:00 pm

Sing, schmooze, and snack with friends at Cantor Schwartz's home. *Contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org for more information.*

Rock Band

This group meets once a week to explore contemporary Jewish music and to play and sing together. *To learn more, including rehearsal dates and times, contact Eliana Light at elight@pasyn.org.*

Let's Do

PAS Food Pantry

PACKING

Wednesdays | Nov 4, 11, 18 | 4:00 pm

Sunday | Nov 22 | VKW Mitzvah Day --
Food packing for Thanksgiving DISTRIBUTION

Fridays | Nov 6, 13, 20 | 4:00 pm

Wednesday | Nov 25 | 10:00 am |
Thanksgiving Food Distribution

The biggest Food Pantry distribution of the year takes place on the day before Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to help prepare by packing bags of nonperishable foods on VKW Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 22. On the day before Thanksgiving, November 25, PAS teens will spend the day in the lobby handing out those bags along with pies and 500 turkeys! Everyone is invited to help, whether or not you are a weekly Food Pantry volunteer. Former volunteers who are home from college for the holiday are especially welcome. *Contact co-directors Adam First, Matthew Goren, or Caroline Silver, or volunteer coordinator Davis Haupt on the PAS Food Pantry Facebook page for more information.*



College Connections: Help us keep in touch with your student on campus!

High School graduates remain part of the PAS family during their college years. They receive emails with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages several times a year. If you have not yet submitted your student's address for fall semester, update it on pasyn.org now.

Let's Go

Cream, Crumbs, or Cocoa with Hallie

Anytime!

Hallie Chandler invites anyone in grades 7–12 for an ice cream, a cupcake, or a drink of choice. Please take her up on it! She is eager to meet PAS teens and pre-teens. If you would like to set up a time for yourself or volunteer a young person in your life to meet Hallie, please contact her at hchandler@pasyn.org. Her door is always open.

Just for 6th and 7th Graders

Bounce

Sunday | Nov 15 | 9:30 am–1:30 pm

Bounce in Valley Cottage is a awesome indoor trampoline club with courts for dodge ball, basketball and even a foam pit. Come for a great time. *Register online at pasyn.org.*

Join Shabbat dinner groups, small learning groups, events, and social action programs. Activities are open to all PAS 20s and 30s and their friends (synagogue membership not required). To see more activities, consult the Program Catalog or the synagogue website.

If you are interested in this new network, either for yourself or for a family member or friend, contact Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

Coffee with a Rabbi

Anytime

Rabbi Witkovsky invites anyone out for a cup of coffee (or stronger beverage). If you would like to take him up on that, or if you would like to volunteer a 20- or 30-something in your life to have coffee, please contact the rabbi at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

Brainthirsty

Monday | Nov 9 | 7:45–9:00 pm

Your brain is thirsty; fill it with thought and beverages. Come once a month for drinks and discussion as we bring Jewish and non-Jewish sources to bear on big questions. Each session will focus on a different theme or idea, so if you miss one, you can catch the next one, no problem. It's like Flywheel for your brain. Feel free to bring friends.

Meals at the Mission

Sunday | Nov 15 | 5:30–7:00 pm

Serve a meal and a community. Head down to the Bowery Mission to help prepare and serve food.

Speakers and Networking Shabbat Dinner

Friday | November 20 | 7:30 pm

Participate in a discussion with people established in careers who took non-traditional paths to get there. Then network over Shabbat dinner.

Shabbat Dinner Any Week or Every Week

Fridays | 7:30 pm

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner with the help of PAS and the online hub OneTable, or if you are interested in attending a Shabbat dinner hosted by Rabbi Witkovsky, please contact him at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.



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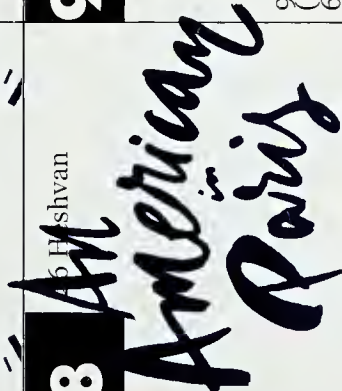
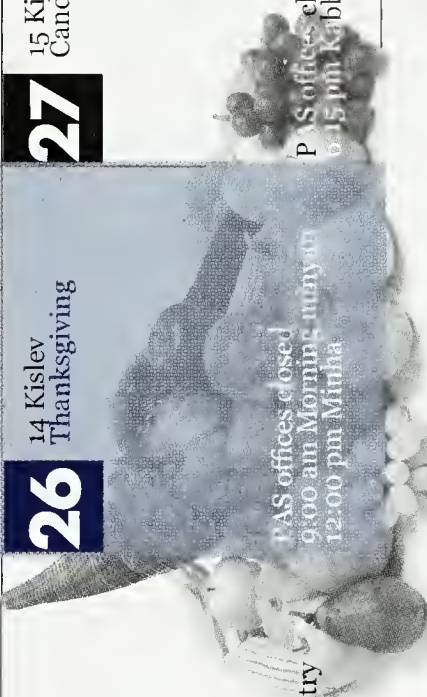
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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Cantors Concert: Launching Siddur Lev Shalem

Thursday | Dec 3 | 7:00 pm

Camp Ramah Berkshires Annual Fund Dinner Honoring Heidi Silverstone

Sunday | Dec 6 | 5:00 pm | at Temple Israel Center, White Plains

For information about the dinner journal and to RSVP, please visit www.ramahberkshires.org/Dinner.

First Hanukkah Candle

Sunday | Dec 6 | Anytime after 5:13 pm

Community Hanukkah Candle Lighting

Monday–Thursday | Dec 7–10 | 6:00 pm

Shabbat Dinner Series/PAS Conversation

Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World

Seth M. Siegel

Friday | Dec 11 | services 6:15 pm; dinner approx. 7:30 pm